## November 3, 2021

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on November 3, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Present were Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann and Kroshus.

Minutes

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the minutes of October 20, 21, and November 1, 2021, be approved.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-20-82
OE2 North LLC
B. Sanderson Gas Processing Plant Williams Cnty.
Siting Application

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission acknowledge the withdrawal of the application to amend the certificate of site compatibility and the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order filed on September 17, 2021, in OE2 North LLC, B. Sanderson Gas Processing Plant - Williams Cnty., Siting Application, Case No. PU-20-82.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-325 Great River Energy / Rainbow Energy Center, LLC Transfer Certificate #1 and Permit #3 Siting Application Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,945.06 in Great River Energy / Rainbow Energy Center, LLC, Transfer Certificate #1 and Permit #3, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-325.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-326 Great River Energy / Nexus Line, LLC Transfer Certificate #2 and Permit #1 Siting Application Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$9,492.23 in Great River Energy / Nexus Line, LLC, Transfer Certificate #2 and Permit #1, Siting Application, Case No. PU-21-326.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

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Blaster Re-Certification Approval

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission approve blaster re-certification for the following applicants:

Applicant	Affilliation	Certificate No.
William Keller	Freedom Mine	10-02-328-R(4)
Kenton Richau	Freedom Mine	16-01-381-R(2)
Roland Sabot	Freedom Mine	16-01-382-R(2)
Kyle Haraseth	Freedom Mine	16-01-378-R(2)
Larry Miller	Freedom Mine	18-11-415-R(1)
Michael Swallers	Freedom Mine	18-11-417-R(1)

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-21-406 Caliber North Dakota LLC 8-inch Residue Gas Line – McKenzie County Siting Temporary Approval

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission adopt the Order granting temporary operation of facilities in Caliber North Dakota LLC, 8-inch Residue Gas Line - McKenzie County, Siting Temporary Approval, Case No. PU-21-406.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Case No. RC-21-419

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC Notice of Violation No. 2101 Violation

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt Notice of Violation No. 2101 Order issued to Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC at the Beulah Mine, to affirm the violation, assess a civil penalty, and close the case upon payment of the penalty, in Westmoreland Beulah Mining LLC, Notice of Violation No. 2101, Violation, PSC Case No. RC-21-419.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion. Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

2021 Coal Regulatory and AML **Programs Evaluation Reports** 

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the federal Office of Surface Mining's 2021 Evaluation Reports for the Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Programs.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Held Over

Case No. PU-21-377 Public Service Commission BEK Consulting LLC Damage Prevention Enforcement Case No. PU-21-416 Otter Tail Power Company Meter Testing Rule Waiver Approval

Case No. PU-21-373
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.
Financial Incentive - Power Purchase
Agreement
Rates

Case No. AU-21-410 Public Service Commission Glass Auction Service, LLC Auction Complaint

Case No. AU-21-411
Public Service Commission
Chad Stoltz
Auction Complaint

**ATTEST** 

**Executive Secretary** 

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Meter Testing Rule Waiver, Approval, Case No. PU-21-416.

Mr. Christmann: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint Brian Johnson, Adam Renfandt and Victor Schock as advocacy staff effective October 18, 2021, in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., Financial Incentive – Power Purchase Agreement, Rates, Case No. PU-21-373.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Konrad Crockford as advocacy staff effective September 7, 2021, in Public Service Commission, Glass Auction Service, LLC, Auction Complaint, Case No. AU-21-410.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Ms. Fedorchak: I move the Commission appoint John Schuh and Konrad Crockford as advocacy staff effective September 7, 2021, in Public Service Commission, Chad Stoltz, Auction Complaint, Case No. AU-21-411.

Mr. Kroshus: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 11:12 A.M.

JULIE FEDORCHAK, CHAIR